

the University of California, Davis, for reaching the century mark as a premier public research university and one of our Nation's finest institutions of higher education. The University of California, Davis, was authorized by Governor George Pardee in 1905 as an agriculture research campus and opened its doors to students in 1908. In 1959 UC at Davis became a full University of California campus.

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Since then, UC Davis has expanded its student body to more than 30,000 students, and its academic offerings to more than 100 undergraduate majors, 87 graduate programs, and six professional schools, including education, law, management, medicine, nursing, and veterinary medicine.

Embracing a philosophy of learning, discovery, and engagement, UC Davis provides students with a rewarding undergraduate experience while preparing them for success after graduation. Students benefit from a wide range of academic and extracurricular programs, an interdisciplinary research community involved in local and global issues, and an abundance of opportunities to lead and make an impact on society. With a student body drawn from every State and more than 75 countries, UC Davis reflects and is enriched by cultural traditions from around the world.

The campus' breadth of academic programs, commitment to providing an attentive and research-enriched education, and a determination to address society's needs is truly distinctive. UC Davis is the only UC campus with schools of law, medicine, education, management, and veterinary medicine.

In 2007–08, UC Davis received \$586 million in research awards, an increase of 10 percent over the previous year. The campus ranks first in the UC system and fifth in the Nation in non-Federal research expenditures, reflecting the real world applicability of its research. Additionally, UC Davis leads the Nation in graduate and undergraduate education in biological sciences. Year after year, UC Davis tops the charts in the numbers of doctoral and bachelor degrees conferred in biological sciences.

It is truly a privilege to stand before the House today to congratulate the University of California at Davis, on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. I extend my congratulations to the University of California at Davis Chancellor Larry Vanderhoef, the faculty and staff, the students and alumni. I wish all involved continued success, and I ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TONKO. Does the gentleman from Kentucky have any further speakers?

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, we have no further speakers, and I yield back.

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, obviously the resolution before the House is one that speaks to the greatness of a pres-

tigious institution like the University of California at Davis. It obviously has excelled in several program areas and holds high standards in its interdisciplinary research areas. For those reasons and the many others cited by Representative GUTHRIE and myself, I believe that it is important for the House to move forward with this resolution and would encourage everyone to support the resolution before the House.

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 448. I have the privilege of representing a part of the University of California at Davis. It is a privilege because U.C. Davis is truly one of the premier institutions of higher learning in our Nation.

Since the University first opened its doors to students in 1908 as an agricultural research institution it has played a critical role in the growth of California agriculture as one of our State's major industries and a producer of food for the world.

At a time when the delivery of health care services is an issue of such paramount importance to our Nation it should be acknowledged that the Medical Center at U.C. Davis serves as the primary acute-care trauma center for millions of residents in our region. It should also be mentioned that the University is recognized for its work as a top tier research hospital.

While the veterinary school at the U.C. Davis is recognized as one of the finest such schools in the Nation, I would be remiss not to point out that its law school has also attained the highest standards of excellence.

U.C. Davis is the home of the California Biomass Collaborative, which is a statewide collaborative of government, industry, environmental groups, and educational institutions administered for the state by the University of California, Davis. The Collaborative is sponsored by the California Energy Commission as well as other agency and private industry partners. I worked with the Collaborative in putting together a Biomass Policy Forum last fall to discuss the use of woody biomass as a viable alternate energy source, as well as a means by which to reduce the threat of wildfires.

The University has also done tremendous work in the field of sustainable transportation, and is the new hub of collaboration and research on plug-in hybrid electric vehicles in California. Such vehicles have zero-tailpipe emissions and could well be the future of clean transportation.

In my capacity as a member of the Committee on Homeland Security I am particularly interested in the work conducted by the University through the Western Institute of Food Safety and Security, WIFSS, regarding the need to protect our Nation's feedstock from the threat of bio-terrorism. Furthermore, U.C. Davis is engaged in cutting-edge research regarding flame retardant materials which has both civilian as well as military applications.

It is therefore an honor for me to commend the University of California at Davis to you and ask your support for House Resolution 448.

Mr. TONKO. I yield back my time, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GRIFFITH). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. TONKO) that the House

suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 448.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMENDING UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA GYMNASTICS TEAM

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 386) commending the University of Georgia Gymnastics Team for winning the 2009 NCAA National Championship, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 386

Whereas the University of Georgia (UGA) Gymnastics program has won its 10th National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championship;

Whereas the University of Georgia Gymnastics program has won 16 SEC Championships;

Whereas the University of Georgia Gymnastic program has produced 8 Honda Award winners;

Whereas the 2009 national title is the program's fifth consecutive national championship;

Whereas the Gym Dogs are now the most successful gymnastics program in the country;

Whereas the University of Georgia's gymnastics team, the Gym Dogs, has made 26 consecutive appearances in the NCAA Gymnastics Championships;

Whereas the 2009 Gym Dogs team's overall record was an amazing 32–1;

Whereas the 2009 Gym Dogs also achieved the school's highest team GPA, 3.36;

Whereas the gymnastics team's coach, Suzanne Yoculan, is retiring as the most successful collegiate gymnastics coach in NCAA history; and

Whereas Coach Suzanne Yoculan has, in 19 of her 26 years as head coach at the University of Georgia, taken her squad to an SEC title, an NCAA title, or both: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the University of Georgia Gymnastics Team for winning the 2009 NCAA National Championship;

(2) recognizes that the Gym Dogs have won more national championships than any other program in the Nation; and

(3) congratulates Suzanne Yoculan for a spectacular career as the University of Georgia's gymnastics coach.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. TONKO) and the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on House Resolution 386 in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. TONKO. I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

I rise today, Mr. Speaker, to congratulate the University of Georgia's gymnastics team on their 2009 NCAA National Championship.

On April 17, the University of Georgia supporters were treated to a 10th national championship. Closing out a spectacular season for the Gym Dogs, while also closing the immaculate career of retiring Coach Suzanne Yoculan on the highest note possible.

The Gym Dogs entered the NCAA championship as the number one seed and won their fifth consecutive national championship, scoring a 197.825, their second best point total of the season, to beat out second place Alabama's 197.575, and third place Utah's 197.425 in the final meet of Coach Yoculan's illustrious career.

Coach Yoculan's 26-year career finishes with a long list of accolades: Nine NCAA championships, 16 Southeastern Conference titles, 21 NCAA regional crowns, eight Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year honors, five NCAA Coach of the Year awards, 33 individual titles, and 57 All-Americans.

Coach Yoculan and the Gym Dogs have also been a force in the community under her tenure, raising more than \$125,000, assisting with causes such as northeast Georgia's United Way, the Athens area Habitat for Humanity, the Athens Regional Medical Center's Breast Health Center, and the Special Olympics.

The Gym Dogs represent one of the most consistently successful athletic programs in NCAA history. The 2009 national champions were led by seniors Courtney Kupets, a three-time all-around champion, Abby Stack, Paige Burris, and Tiffany Tolnay. The team also included the juniors by the names of Lauren Johnson, Courtney McCool, Marcia Newby, Lauren Sessler, and Grace Taylor; sophomores Hilary Mauro and Cassidy McComb; and freshmen Mariel Box, Kathryn Ding, Gina Nuccio and Amber Trani.

As we congratulate the Gym Dogs, Mr. Speaker, who carried a cumulative 3.36 GPA, we must also acknowledge the University of Georgia for being consistently ranked as one of the Nation's top public universities. UGA encompasses 16 schools and colleges that offer students a range of educational opportunities. UGA's graduate school offers 95 doctoral, 143 master's, and 19 specialist degrees across its programs, as well as a variety of professional development and portfolio-enhancing programs.

I want to thank Representative BROWN for bringing this resolution forward.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I congratulate the University of Georgia and the Gym Dogs for their consistent success.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from Georgia, the sponsor of this resolution, Mr. BROWN.

(Mr. BROWN of Georgia asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my resolution, House Resolution 386, which honors my alma mater, the University of Georgia, and especially the women's gymnastic team, who have, once again, won the NCAA national championship.

I would like to thank the chairman, the ranking member, and the staff of the House Committee on Education and Labor for working with me and my staff to bring this resolution to the floor.

A new level of excellence has now been set by the University of Georgia's gymnastics program. For 5 consecutive years, this team has earned a championship crown, giving the University of Georgia the most successful women's gymnastics program in collegiate history and making Suzanne Yoculan the sport's most successful coach.

This historic team, led by four dedicated seniors, rallied for a dramatic come-from-behind win to allow Coach Yoculan to retire on top. In fact, during 18 of Ms. Yoculan's 26 years as head coach, she has taken her squad to a Southeastern Conference title, an NCAA championship title, or both.

The University of Georgia's women's gymnastics team certainly deserves our congratulations for their hard work in winning a championship, but they should also be recognized for their outstanding academic achievements. They posted a collective 3.36 GPA. Boy, that is something for an athlete to be able to have that kind of GPA. But to have the coach of a team that gives us that collective GPA, that is unheard of almost.

I congratulate the Gym Dogs for another championship, and I urge my colleagues to join me in praising their achievements, both in and out of the classroom, by voting for this resolution.

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, in the interest of time, I will submit my full remarks for the RECORD, but I do want to extend my congratulations to the University of Georgia President Michael Adams, Athletic Director Damon Evans, Head Coach Suzanne Yoculan, and her staff, the hardworking gymnasts, and the fans. I wish all involved continued success, and I ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 386 commending the University of Georgia Gymnastics Team for winning the 2009 NCAA National Championship.

There are many words which could be used to describe the Gym Dogs at the University of Georgia, but without question the one constant is success.

UGA's gymnastics program has won 10 National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships, and the 2009 title represents the

team's 5th consecutive honor. In addition, the program has won 16 Southeastern Conference Championships. Sixty-eight gymnasts have earned 267 All-American awards, 33 gymnasts have won NCAA individual titles, and, for 12 of the past 17 years, there has been at least one Gym Dog atop the awards stand as an NCAA individual title winner.

Chartered by the Georgia General Assembly in 1785, the University of Georgia is America's first state chartered university and the birthplace of the American system of public higher education. With its statewide mission and core characteristics, UGA endeavors to prepare the university community for full participation in the global society of the twenty-first century. Through its programs and practices, UGA seeks to foster the understanding of and respect for cultural differences necessary for an enlightened and educated citizenry. UGA provides for cultural, ethnic, gender and racial diversity in the faculty, staff and student body.

Whether it is success on the field of play, or commitment to academic excellence, the University of Georgia is a shining example of our nation's system of higher education.

I extend my congratulations to University of Georgia President, Michael Adams; Athletic Director, Damon Evans; Head Coach, Suzanne Yoculan and her staff, the hard working gymnasts, and the fans. I wish all involved continued success and ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, the resolution before the House obviously congratulates an outstanding team. The Gym Dogs, under their coach at the University of Georgia, Coach Yoculan, have achieved great records. They have broken records and established a tremendous multiyear record, all while being great achievers in the classroom. For these reasons, I commend the Gym Dogs and encourage the House to support this resolution honoring a great team.

I yield back my time, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. TONKO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 386, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONGRATULATING CAMP DUDLEY ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 300) congratulating Camp Dudley YMCA of Westport, New York, on the occasion of its 125th anniversary, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 300

Whereas Camp Dudley YMCA ("Camp Dudley") was founded in 1885 by Sumner F. Dudley, a YMCA volunteer;